



**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY
INTRA-DEPARTMENTAL CORRESPONDENCE**



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TO: NEW MEXICO STATE POLICE OFFICERS

SUBJECT: DIRECTIVE – REINTRODUCTION OF “SLICK TOP” UNITS

With advances in lighting technology making slick-top units as safe as light bar units, the State Police will be reintroducing slick top, marked units back into the fleet.

Effective immediately, the slick top program will be reinstated. The following protocols will be followed prior to the issuance of a slick top unit. These types of units will be issued at the discretion of the Special Operations Commander in consultation with the chief; and as available.

- Officer/Sergeant must have three years without a chargeable fleet crash.
- Officer/Sergeant must be recommended by their respective Commander.
- Officer must have 5 years on the department.
- Officer/Sergeant must submit a letter of request to the District Commander.
- Officer/Sergeant must not have missed a unit service for at least three years.

This program will benefit the officer's patrol ability as well as recognizing the officers in the field for safe driving and proper equipment care.

Thanks for your hard work!

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